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SUBJECT: RHODESIA SCENARIO

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER ON JUNE 16 SPOKE WITH JOHNNY GRAHAM WHO SAID THE FOLLOWING TIMETABLE IS NOW UNFOLDING FOR NEXT STEPS ON RHODESIA. THE FCO WILL SEEK MINISTERIAL APPROVAL NEXT WEEK FOR A FURTHER ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS BASED IN PART ON THE DRAFT OUTLINE OF A CONSTITUTION (TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL). THE STRATEGY AND TACTICS OF THE NEXT ROUND WILL THEN BE DISCUSSED AT THE VANCE-OWEN MEETING IN PARIS JUNE 23. GRAHAM WILL ACCOMPANY OWEN AND SUGGESTS THAT IF EITHER AMBASSADOR LOW OR ANOTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL CAN COME TO PARIS THERE WOULD BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE DETAILED WORKING
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LEVEL DISCUSSIONS.

2. BECAUSE OF THE OAU MINISTERIAL AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS IN LIBREVILLE BEGINNING JUNE 25, GRAHAM HAS SLIPPED HIS PROPOSED ARRIVAL IN LUSAKA TO JULY 4. GRAHAM YESTERDAY SAW NKOMO WHO PROMISED THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WILL DELIVER JULY 5 TO THE CONSULTATIVE

GROUP ITS IDEAS NOT ONLY ON A CONSTITUTION BUT ON THE ENTIRE SETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENT. (FCO IS SENDING A REPORT OF THE NKOMO MEETING VIA UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON GRAHAM PROPOSED NEXT TO GO ON TO SALISBURY WITH AN OVERNIGHT IN PRETORIA TO BRIEF THE SOUTH AFRICANS. IN SALISBURY, THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP WOULD PRESENT THE RHODESIANS WITH A SETTLEMENT OUTLINE NOT ON A TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT BASIS, BUT WITH THE IMPLICATION THAT "THIS IS WHAT ITS GOING TO LOOK LIKE."

3. BY THE END OF JULY WHEN THE HARD ISSUES OF THE SETTLEMENT HAVE CRYSTALLIZED, FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WILL UNDERTAKE ANOTHER TRIP TO THE AREA IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE DIFFERENCES.

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